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Application Number	09/674,399
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As the below named Inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD AND MEANS FOR FILLING NATURAL CASING SAUSAGES

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

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I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

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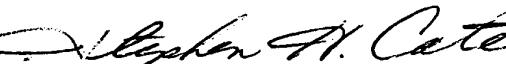
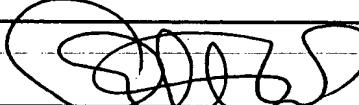
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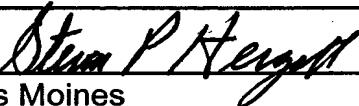
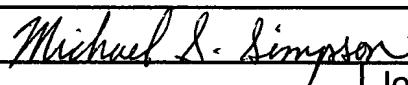
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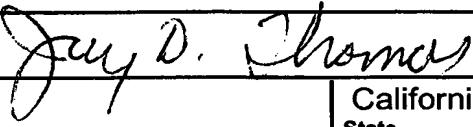
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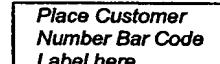
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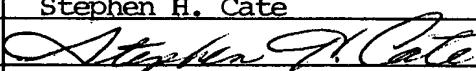
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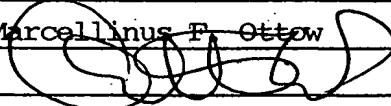
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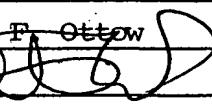
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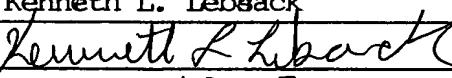
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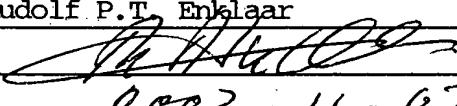
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